

REMARKS

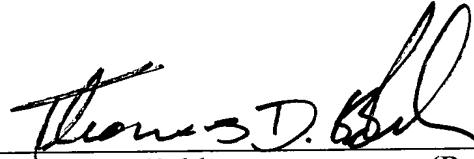
Claims 1-3 are pending in the application. In the office action dated January 10, 2005, the Examiner allowed claim 3 and objected to claims 1 and 2 because of informalities.

In this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to correct the informalities by removing the parenthetical expressions. Further, the applicant submits corrected drawings to overcome the objection of the reference characters being less than 1/8 in height as required by 37 CFR 1.84. The replacement figures are labeled FIG 1a and FIG. 1b.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, the Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0169).

Respectfully submitted,

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